



**B.L.T. Rails to Trails Association
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Flood Damage Update – July 24, 2023

It is with extreme sadness to report that our beloved trail has suffered significant damage as a result of flash floods on July 21-22, 2023. Our volunteers, contractor, and partners with the NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables as well as the NS Trail Association have all been at ground-zero and have assessed the damage.

Our current estimates indicate that the damage is well above \$45,000. We are still waiting to hear back about the damages to our bridge structures.

The trail remains closed – it is closed not because we want to take something away from our community. It is closed because the trail is unsafe. By entering the trail, you are putting yourself, others, and our first-responders at-risk.

Please obey the trail closure signs, please follow us on social media for updates, and please respect and be kind to our contractor who is doing his best.

We are waiting to hear back from our government stakeholders and partners about funding, to be completely honest, the B.L.T. Rails to Trails Association does not have the funds to fully complete the repairs.

To our neighbours and friends, please know we are working as hard as we can to move forward with repairs, however, we are waiting for funding and will have to compete to secure materials and supplies. The B.L.T. Rails to Trails Association is run by volunteers from your communities – we are your neighbours, your friends. Please be patient with us.

We are accepting donations via our website at www.bltrails.ca

Thank you,
Deepak Prasad, Chairperson